

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The FCC has already gone too far in helping media companies acquire monopolies over information broadcast. The FCC, and particularly Mr Powell, are hostile to the public interest of diverse media choices and competition in the media marketplace. If the FCC continues with its antidemocratic and elitist management of media ownership, we will soon have a single corporation controlling all news and broadcast media: a Ministry of Information for controlling public opinion. The first amendment right to freedom of expression will be meaningless in such a system.

The FCC is now a threat to democracy.